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As the below named inventor, We hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### SHEARING MACHINE FOR TRANSVERSALLY DIVIDING A HEAVY PLATE BY MEANS OF AN ECCENTRIC DRIVE

the specification of which (check one)

|     | [ ]  | is attached hereto.   |
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|     |      | identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any referred to above.              |

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| GERMANY /                      | 102 59 903.3 | December 20, 2002 /               | <u>x</u> yes <u>no</u>               |
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